

BLUAC Special Election Meeting February 3, 2006

In attendance:

Board Members: Clarice Ryan, John Bourquin, Jack Paulsen, Bob Keenan

Nominees: Paul Guerrant, Shelley Gonzales, Jim Eddington, Tim Calaway, Scott Hollinger,

Planning Board: Kirsten Holland

Acting Secretary: Pat Wagner

Also present were several BLUAC Steering Committee members and interested citizens

Chairman Ryan called the meeting to order at 12.01

Chairman Ryan read her agenda and stated this was a meeting for one item only: "to fill the 2 vacancies on the BLUAC Board" The by Law was then read. Public Comment was to last 10 minutes.

The Chairman was asked to read all the names of the Nominees for office which included the above nominee names and Mary Jo Naïve who was not present.

The meeting was opened for limited public comment.

A question was asked on the legality of having the 2 candidates that had just been dismissed being allowed to immediately reapply. The Chair then cited the January 17, 2006 County Commissioners meeting. At that time it was stated that the 2 dismissed could reapply. Jonathan Smith County Attorney had no opinion.

A question was raised as to how the appointments will be done, again the chair read the Bylaw and then stated elections will be in May and the filing for that election is open now and will close on March 23, 2006 .

The next public comment was a request for the board to pay heed to public opinion, i.e. comments that came back with survey, public opinion poll on the Bigfork Eagle web page.

The chair then asked Tim and Scott to speak, Tim Calaway stated he had been on the board for 10 years and to have some one come on for 5 mos would be difficult, the board should have people from all walks of life and that the election will be good for the village.

Scott Hollinger was asked to speak and he declined. The other candidates made their presentation at the January 26, 2006, board meeting.

Two more comments were made as to the appearance of immediately appointing the 2 dismissed members back to the board, citing an appearance of conflict of interest.

Public Comment was then closed due to time factor.

Chairman Ryan then asked for a motion on whether to hold a verbal or silent election.

John Bourquin made the motion for a verbal election and it was seconded by Jack Paulsen and the motion passed.

John Bourquin then asked for and was given the floor.

John Bourquin stated that the spirit of the word replace is being violated and spirit of bylaws as well and it is sad it spills over to the Bigfork Community. He then asked Tim Calaway the same question he had asked Scott Hollinger at the January 26, 2006 BLUAC meeting. What is different now to warrant you going back on board?

Tim Calaway then replied, one meeting he missed was the one where he was going to be late, there was one agenda item and the meeting was over before he got there. He again stated that excused absences were allowed and also meetings are held to a 4:00 time due to overtime at the county staff level. He also stated that the BLUAC has always had Bigfork Business people on its board.

He was asked again what has changed and Tim replied I will make them (the meetings). Furthermore you can't dismiss an elected official.

Reply was: that question will be referred to legal counsel

Chairman Ryan then called to proceed to the vote.

John Bourquin submitted an email from Phil Hanson giving John Bourquin his proxy vote.

Discussion ensued as to the legality of the proxy vote, who was going to vote for Phil Hanson and did Phil Hanson know all the candidates. Email was addressed to John Bourquin and Phil Hanson knew all the candidates

Chairman Ryan then asked, are we going to honor this request? John Bourquin then made a motion to accept the proxy vote and it was seconded by Bob Keenan who stated the following "I second it with the understanding that given the nature of these instructions to John Bourquin,

That we go ahead and take a vote but I think there needs to be some legal interpretation of this letter

Point of order by Craig Wagner Roberts Rules- not stated in bylaws
therefore not allowed

Point of Order by Jim Eddington He disagreed with interpretation

Vote taken – Motion to allow failed 3 to 1

Each to vote for two at one time

John Bourquin - Paul Guerrant Shelley Gonzales

Jack Paulson - Scott Hollinger Tim Calaway

Bob Keenan - Scott Hollinger Tim Calaway

Clarice Ryan - Scott Hollinger Tim Calaway

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Three for Scott Hollinger

Three for Tim Calaway

One for Paul Guerrant

One for Shelley Gonzales

Scott Hollinger and Tim Calaway returned to the BLUC Board

Meeting adjourned at 12:31

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